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March 24, 2000

Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attn: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

Re: Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report

Dear Sirs:

I am a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest and I believe the best way to aid our salmon is to adopt Alternative 1 or 2. I vigorously oppose dam breaching (Alternative 4) because it is an economically harmful, risky, drastic, and unproven concept that will not help recover salmon.

For too long the salmon debate has focused on our hydropower system, ignoring the benefits it brings to the region and also ignoring the fact that salmon mortality is a result of many factors all along the lifecycle of the fish. Focusing on hydropower will not solve the problem. The region must have a comprehensive recovery plan - with a clear vision, goals, and priorities that address harvest, habitat, hatcheries, and hydropower; while considering other factors such as climate and ocean conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,

SHAVER TRANSPORTATION COMPANY


George H. Shaver
President

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